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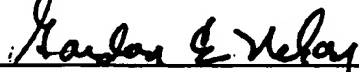
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Summary of the prosecution

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent 6,256,613, issued 3/7/2001 and having the same title, inventors, and assignee as the present patent application. Examiner mailed a first Office action in the above application on 7/12/04. In his Office action, Examiner rejected pending claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the combination of U.S. patent 5,517,405, McAndrew, et al., *Expert system for providing interactive assistance in solving problems such as health care management*, issued May 14, 1996 (henceforth "McAndrew") and U.S. patent 5,002,491, Abrahamson, et al., *Electronic classroom system enabling interactive self-paced learning*, issued Mar. 26, 1991 (henceforth "Abrahamson"). Applicants traversed the rejections.

Applicants thereupon received a second non-final Office action mailed 1/10/2005 in which Examiner rejected the claims as addressed to unpatentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101, rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by the *Minnesota Medical Association Report on Telemedicine* article (henceforth "Telemedicine"), and rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over the combination of Telemedicine and Abrahamson. Applicants are amending claim 2 to deal with some problems concerning

antecedents noted by Applicants and are traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, and 103.